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What Is In A Name?

Daniel

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Background Information

- One of Five books in the Bible called "the Major Prophets."
  - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel
- There are 12 Minor Prophets
  - Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obediah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
- The "Prophet" functioned as God's voice to His people. Primarily warning them about sin, calling them to repentance, and giving direction to obey God.
- The prophet also foretold of the coming Messiah (over 300), the Return of Christ (2nd time over 800), end times, and other events.

Historical Information

- Daniel is both historic and prophetic
- Author: Daniel
- Date Written: 536-530 BC
- First 6 chapters are events happening in Daniel's life.
- Last 6 chapters focus on prophecy about the future.
- This period of time in history is known as the Babylonian Exile or Babylonian Captivity.
- This is not the first time the Jewish people have been exiled or gone into captivity.

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- After Solomon, David's son, Israel was split in two; Judah (south), Israel (north)
- Judah, Benjamin, and Levi make up the southern kingdom.
- All the other tribes of Israel make up the northern kingdom.
- Their continued sin of worshiping other gods caused God's judgement to come upon them.
- He allowed other nations to defeat them in trying to turn their hearts back to God.
- Assyria invaded Northern Kingdom in 722 BC
- They were brutal in their treatment of Israel
- In 605 BC they started taking people, from the 10 tribes, back to Assyria.
- Those people never returned - they are commonly referred to as the "lost tribes of Israel."
- Assyrians moved into the northern kingdom and lived with the Israelites, married them, in an attempt to assimilate them. Their descendants were called Samaritans.

Daniel 1:1 During the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign in Judah, *[605 B.c.]* King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. **2** The Lord gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah and permitted him to take some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God. So Nebuchadnezzar took them back to the land of Babylonia *[the land of Shinar]* and placed them in the treasure-house of his god. *(NLT)*

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Babylonian Exile / Babylonian Captivity

- 2 Kings 17-25, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Habakkuk, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Ezra, Nehemiah
- Including parts of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel
- Babylonians invade the southern kingdom of Judah in 586 BC
- King Nebuchadnezzar leveled the temple (this is the first destruction of the temple)
- The second would come in 70 AD by Rome
- Everyone would be exiled to Babylon for 70 years.
- Only the tribes; Judah and Benjamin would return to Israel
- WHY?

Jeremiah 25:7 "But you would not listen to me," says the Lord. "You made me furious by worshiping idols you made with your own hands, bringing on yourselves all the disasters you now suffer. **8** And now the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Because you have not listened to me, **9** I will gather together all the armies of the north under King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, whom I have appointed as my deputy. I will bring them all against this land and its people and against the surrounding nations. I will completely destroy *[consecrate; make an offering]* you and make you an object of horror and contempt and a ruin forever. **10** I will take away your happy singing and laughter. The joyful voices of bridegrooms and brides will no longer be heard. Your millstones will fall silent, and the lights in your homes will go out. **11** This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years. **12** "Then, after the seventy years of captivity are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and his people for their sins," says the Lord. "I will make the country of the Babylonians *[Chaldeans]* a wasteland forever. **13** I will bring upon them all the terrors I have promised in this book—all the penalties announced by Jeremiah against the nations. **14** Many nations and great kings will enslave the Babylonians, just as they enslaved my people. I will punish them in proportion to the suffering they cause my people." *(NLT)*

Daniel 1:3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. **4** "Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men," he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon. *[Chaldeans]*" **5** The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service. *(NLT)*

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Daniel 1:6 Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. **7** The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego. *(NLT)*

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- Daniel means "God is my judge/vindicator"
- Hananiah means "Yahweh is gracious"
- Mishael means "Who is like God?"
- Azariah means "Yahweh is my help"

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- **Shadrach (Hananiah)**
- Meaning - "I'll do whatever goddess Aku commands" or "companion of Aku"

- **Meshach (Mishael)**
- Meaning - "There's no one like goddess Aku", or "who is like Aku?"

- Aku - aka Sin/Nannar/Nanna. Babylonian Moon-god
  - god of rise of waters, cattle herders, and fertility
  - the god of cattle herders and the livelihood of people in the city of Ur.

- **Abednego (Azariah)**
- Meaning - "Nabu's servant" or "servant of Nebo"

- Nebo/Nabu - Babylonian god of vegetation
  - god of wisdom, writing, learning, and prophecies. He was also associated with agriculture and harvests and was called the "Announcer" which hints towards his prophetic knowledge of all things.
  - He is the maintainer of divine knowledge and records in the library of gods.

- **Belteshazzar (Daniel)**
- Meaning - Bel protect his life; keeper of hidden treasures of Bel

Isaiah 46:1 Bel and Nebo, the gods of Babylon, bow as they are
lowered to the ground. They are being hauled away on ox carts.
The poor beasts stagger under the weight. **2** Both the idols and
their owners are bowed down. The gods cannot protect the
people, and the people cannot protect the gods. They go off into
captivity together. **3** "Listen to me, descendants of Jacob, all you
who remain in Israel. I have cared for you since you were born.
Yes, I carried you before you were born. **4** I will be your God
throughout your lifetime—until your hair is white with age. I
made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save
you. **5** "To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal? **6** Some
people pour out their silver and gold and hire a craftsman to
make a god from it. Then they bow down and worship it! **7** They
carry it around on their shoulders, and when they set it down, it
stays there. It can't even move! And when someone prays to it,
there is no answer. It can't rescue anyone from trouble. **8** "Do not
forget this! Keep it in mind! Remember this, you guilty ones.
9 Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am
God! I am God, and there is none like me. **10** Only I can tell you
the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to
pass, for I do whatever I wish. **11** I will call a swift bird of prey
from the east—a leader from a distant land to come and do my
bidding. I have said what I would do, and I will do it. **12** "Listen to
me, you stubborn people
who are so far from doing right. **13** For I am ready to set things
right, not in the distant future, but right now! I am ready to save
Jerusalem and show my glory to Israel. *(NLT)*

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- Clarke Scheibe, head of the Canadian branch of the L'Abri Fellowship in Victoria, British Columbia, said, "they don't know what to do with consciousness, and they don't know what to do with significance. Our longing for significance has been placed in our hearts by God."

Exodus 13:3 But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" **14** God replied to Moses, "I am who i am. Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you." **15** God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations. *(NLT)*

Isaiah 49:1 Listen to me, all you in distant lands! Pay attention, you who are far away! The Lord called me before my birth; from within the womb he called me by name. *(NLT)*

John 10:2 But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. *(NLT)*

Romans 10:13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **14** But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? *(NLT)*

James 5:13 Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. **14** Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. *(NLT)*

Isaiah 48:1 "Listen to me, O family of Jacob, you who are called by the name of Israel and born into the family of Judah. Listen, you who take oaths in the name of the Lord and call on the God of Israel. You don't keep your promises, **2** even though you call yourself the holy city and talk about depending on the God of Israel, whose name is the Lord of Heaven's Armies. **3** Long ago I told you what was going to happen. Then suddenly I took action, and all my predictions came true. **4** For I know how stubborn and obstinate you are. Your necks are as unbending as iron. Your heads are as hard as bronze. **5** That is why I told you what would happen; I told you beforehand what I was going to do. Then you could never say, 'My idols did it. My wooden image and metal god commanded it to happen!' **6** You have heard my predictions and seen them fulfilled, but you refuse to admit it. Now I will tell you new things, secrets you have not yet heard. **7** They are brand new, not things from the past. So you cannot say, 'We knew that all the time!' **8** "Yes, I will tell you of things that are entirely new, things you never heard of before. For I know so well what traitors you are. You have been rebels from birth. **9** Yet for my own sake

and for the honor of my name, I will hold back my anger and not wipe you out. **10** I have refined you, but not as silver is refined. Rather, I have refined you in the furnace of suffering. **11** I will rescue you for my sake—yes, for my own sake! I will not let my reputation be tarnished, and I will not share my glory with idols! **12** "Listen to me, O family of Jacob, Israel my chosen one! I alone am God, the First and the Last. *(NLT)*

1 Corinthians 1:2 I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. *(NLT)*